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## **Lightner Hosts Cyber Security Summit**

Experts will discuss threats and ways to expand region as cyber security hub

SAN DIEGO – To kick off Cyber Security Awareness Month in October, San Diego City Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner is hosting a summit intended to link government, education, military and business leaders together with other industry experts to discuss how to support and grow the region's fledgling cyber security sector.

The Cyber Security Summit will be held Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lodge at Torrey Pines. Panelists will include: U.S. Congresswoman Susan Davis; Sean Barr, vice president of San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp.; Ret. Vice Admiral Walter Davis, vice president of CommNexus; Liz Fraumann, executive director of Securing Our eCity Foundation; Barry Janov, director with San Diego State University Research Foundation; Anthony Nufer, San Diego Military Advisory Council; and Patrick Sullivan; executive director of SPAWAR.

"Maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility that will not only keep our digital borders safe but also is an engine for economic growth and job creation," said Lightner, chair of the City Council's Rules and Economic Development Committee.

According to Lightner, the San Diego region needs to work together to expand career training and education opportunities in this emerging field as well as grow more technology businesses that can help protect both public and private sectors from cyber threats. "We want San Diego to be a cyber security hub — the go-to place for innovative solutions and trained professionals to protect critical IT and infrastructure from domestic and international cyber attacks," she said.

The Cyber Security Summit will be held at The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Alfred Mitchell Room, 11480 North Torrey Pines Road. For more information on the summit, please contact San Diego City Council District One at (619) 236-6611.